VELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Expenditure incurred under National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) in Orissa during the last three years is as under:—

Year	Expenditure incurred (Rs. lakhs)
1984-85	2064.27
1985-86	2063.86
1986-87	2813 96 (Provisional)

(b) Payment of wages under National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) is made at the rate of minimum wages fixed under Minimum Wages Act. For the years 1984-85 and 1985-86 the rates were Rs. 6.00 and Rs. 7.50 respectively per manday. This was raised to Rs. 10 per manday during 1986-87.

(c) and (d) The employment generation programmes like National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) seek to supplement only the employment opportunities available in rural areas under various other Plan schemes and normal agricultural and non-agricultural activities. The objective of the programme is to generate targetted mandays of employment in the rural areas. During Sixth Plan period the traget under these Rural Employment programmes was to generate annually 400 to 500 million mandays in the country. During the Seventh Plan the aim is to generate on an average 490 million mandays of employment per year.

Allotment of sugar to Orissa

2288. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of sugar allotted to Orissa during the year 1986-87;

(b) what is the existing standard norms of sugar allotment to the States; and

(c) what is the total levy sugar likely to be released during the current financial year to Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) A quantity of 1,44,258 tonnes of levy sugar had been allotttd to Orissa State for distribution through Public Distribution System during 1986-87 (April, 1966 to March, 1987).

(b) and (c) The State Governments/Union Territories are allotted levy sugar quota generally on the basis of 425 grams per month per capita for the projected population as on 1.10.1986. A monthly levy sugar quota of 12,393 tonnes is being allotted each month to Orissa State from February, 1987 onward.

Irrigation schemes for Orissa

2289. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation schemes in respect of Orissa which are pending before Government since 1984; and

(b) what are the details of the schemes and the reasons for delay in their clearance?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Five major and nine medium irrigation schemes were received since 1984. Comments on all schemes have been sent except one medium irrigation scheme which was received in December, 1986. So far, replies to the comments have been received in respect of one medium scheme only.